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1. APPEARS LIKELY FOUR US ACADEMIC R/V'S TO VISIT MEDITERRANEAN IN 1975: TRIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND; CHAIN OF WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION; VEMA OF LAMONT-DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY; AND GYRE OF TEXAS A & M. TIMING DOES NOT LOOK FAVORABLE WITH CHAIN AND VEMA DUE TO LEAVE MEDITERRANEAN PRIOR TO MEETING, WHILE TRIDENT AND GYRE WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL LATE SUMMER OR FALL. US NAVY DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ANY OF ITS RESEARCH VESSELS IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME.

2. R/V CHAIN SCHEDULE COMES CLOSEST; VESSEL WILL EXIT MEDITERRANEAN LATE JUNE PRIOR TO CADIZ CALL ON JULY 1. WOODS HOLE IS AWARE OF INTEREST EXPRESSED REPAIRS, BUT DUE COSTS VESSEL OPERATION AND SCARCITY OF SHIPTIME FOR INTERESTED SCIENTISTS, THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO PLAN ADDITIONAL PORT CALLS ABOVE MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR PROVISIONING, BUNKERING AND PERSONNEL CHANGE. VESSEL SCHEDULES SHOULD BECOME CLEARER THIS OCTOBER; DEPT WILL ADVISE IF SCHEDULE CHANGES ALLOW CALL YOUR LOCATION. KISSINGER
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